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1. ARQUIMEDES FRANQUESA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES, TOLD EMBOFFS JUNE 6 THAT HIS DEPARTMENT HAD NOT AS YET RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO THE PROPOSED SAN JOSE CONSULTATIONS, JUNE 28-30. INDEED, THE NEWS CAME AS A SURPRISE BECAUSE PANAMA AND COSTA RICA ARE MEETING LATER THIS MONTH FOR BILATERALS CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT COSTA RICAN-PANAMANIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LICENSE FOR TUNA FISHING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. HOWEVER, FRANQUESA FOUND THE CONCEPT OF A REGIONAL LICENSE VERY ATTRACTIVE AND INDICATED THAT A MEETING OF COASTAL STATES WOULD BE WELCOMED BY PANAMA. HE REITERATED PANAMA'S POSITION THAT THE

PRESENT IATTC STRUCTURE SHOULD BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR ANY NEW TUNA ACCORD FOR THE EASTERN PACIFIC, AND AGREED WITH THE U.S. POSITION THAT WITHOUT MEXICO AND COSTA RICA THE ENTIRE REGULATORY REGIME WOULD COLLAPSE.

3. FRANQUESA LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT PANAMA WOULD ATTEND THE COSTA RICA MEETING IF AND WHEN INVITED. JORDEN

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